G-Defend Story 33 Note
Bunko v17, c79-81

This is a crossover story with Morimoto Shuu's completed work, Jinjuu Houretsuden. It takes place after the events in Jinjuu Houretsuden.

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What if I haven't read Jinjuu Houretsuden? In this crossover, Ishikawa and Iwase are thrust into the Jinjuu Houretsuden world, where the entire story takes place. So, if you haven't read Jinjuu, this story will seem very, very strange to you. I highly recommend reading Jinjuu first; the 7-volume bunko print has been completely scanlated.

What if I haven't read G-Defend? No worries! G-Defend focuses on members of the national garrison, tasked with defending public officials and important organizations. Ishikawa Haruka is the commander, and Iwase is his personal guard; the two are a couple. That's all you need to know to understand this crossover, though naturally you'll appreciate it more if you've also grown to love the G-Defend characters. But, if you haven't read G-Defend because you don't like the art from the early volumes... as you can see, the art evolves. See "What happened to the art!?" below.

This is chapter 79! I've only read the G-Defend scanlations through chapter 20 or so. Will I understand this? Don't worry. G-Defend is broken into independent story arcs, and since this takes place in the Jinjuu Horetsuden world, there are almost no continuity issues from skipping so far ahead. We've left the freetalks untranslated so you won't be confused by any new characters or relationships mentioned in them. All you need to know is that Ishikawa and Iwase are together as always! There is a passing mention of one person they know, but it's doesn't spoil anything.

What happened to the art!? If you've read the earlier G-Defend volumes at all, you will notice that the art in these chapters is much, much different. Morimoto's drawing style has evolved over the years. G-Defend was one of her first works. Eventually, she put G-Defend on hiatus, and spent several years drawing Jinjuu Houretsuden. When Jinjuu ended, she rebooted G-Defend with this new and improved art-style. The reboot occurs in original printing v10, which corresponds to volume 7 of the bunko reprint. If you haven't read G-Defend because of the art, I recommend you pick it up when the scanlations reach bunko volume 7 (chapter 27). Morimoto summarizes the previous G-Defend volumes, so it's a great place for new readers to start. Also, Jinjuu fans will notice the Jinjuu characters look a little different as well — her art style continued to evolve even after finishing Jinjuu Houretsuden.

That said, please enjoy this crossover story!

◆Story 33 Heroes of Old◆

IF I MISS MY CHANCE TODAY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY YOUR BIRTH-DAY PRESENT!

BUT I AM RECOV-ERED. I'LL BE FINE.

BUT YOU'VE STILL JUST RECOVERED, RIGHT?

DON'T FOLLOW ME!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO WORRY!

◆ Dr と ダグ ◆

Drは犬飼ったことないけれど好き。
ダグはDrが強いこと知ってるので言うことをちゃんときます。

I CAN'T WATCH THIS ANYMORE. SHALL WE TRY THE OCCASIONAL CHANGE OF SCENERY?

MY MY ... THIS AGAIN?

WOOF! WOOF!

Haru-ka—

Idiot... I'm going out!

If you don't take me along, I'll start yell-ing.

How cute.

UM... IS THIS ABOUT MY...

WH... WHAT!?

AH, OVER THERE.

WHERE, DOUG?

DON'T TELL ME HE'S FOUND SOMETHING AGAIN...

DOUG?

whine

YOU'RE SURE?

Y... YEAH... I THINK SO...

YOU CAN SEE IT TOO?

ANYWAY, SHOULD I CALL FOR ANOTHER GUARD?

UM, WELL ...

Rustle

meep

crack crack crack crash crack crack

I'LL CATCH IT.

IT'S FALLING!

AH!

IWASE !?

HUH?

WHOOSH

I HEARD THEM TALKING AROUND HERE AND DOUG BARKING...

WAS IT MY IMAGI-NATION?

NOW THEN, HAVE FUN...

ON YOUR LITTLE ADVEN-TURE.

WHAT THE...?

A FOREST!?

I'M FALLING?!
DOUG!
WHERE'S IWASE?!
WIND CATCH.
THE WIND ...
BROKE OUR FALL?
HOLD STILL.

DON'T BE AFRAID.

I'LL FLY US TO THE TOP OF THE CLIFF.

FLY!?

HOLD ON.

GRIP

Tap

Tap

FWISH

ARE YOU OK?

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

Y... YEAH ...

THANKS.

HOW DID YOU TWO COME TO BE ON THIS MOUNTAIN?

MOUN-TAIN!?

AH... WAIT...

FWISH

ALL HEALED.

IT DOESN'T HURT!?

BEAR WITH IT FOR A MOMENT.

OW...!

I HIT SOMETHING WHEN I WAS FALLING...

YOUR BACK IS INJURED.

MAYBE A TREE. LET ME SEE IT.

IWA-SE?

IWASE...

AH...! BE CARE-FUL!

Jump

WAS THERE A PANDA FALLING WITH YOU?

WHAT!?

ANYWAY ...

DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.

Eek!

W... WAIT! I'LL GIVE IT BACK!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?

HE CAUGHT THE PANDA ...

AND VANISHED!

WHO IS HE?

I WAS CHASING LU AND THESE TWO FELL FROM THE CLIFF—

Rustle Rustle Rustle

OK!

TELL YOUR COMPANIONS THE SAME.

Rustle Rustle

I WON'T ATTACK ANYONE AGAIN!

JUST WHERE AM I!?

I'M.. ISHI-KAWA ...

I WAS JUST ...

HE SAID HE SAW LU BUT HE VANISHED.

VANISHED?

I'M LIFANG. THIS IS MY PARTNER THOREN AND HONG.

THAT'S RIGHT, I NEVER GOT YOUR NAME.

HE'S CONFUSED.

LiFang

YOU'RE FROM A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WORLD, RIGHT? DON'T WORRY, WE'LL HELP YOU.

WHAT IF HE'S ANOTHER BANDIT...

NOT THIS AGAIN...

COMPLETE BLANK

I'd think so

So they'd be somewhere else now?

LU... AND THIS IWASE GUY...

I'VE HEARD THAT A WARP IN SPACE-TIME SOMETIMES APPEARS ON THIS MOUNTAIN.

MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT UP IN THAT.

THANK YOU, LIFANG ...

I'LL BELIEVE YOU TWO, AS WELL.

HE H'AS SUCH A DIRECT GAZE

LIFANG, THOREN, DID YOU GET THE JEWEL BACK...?

BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT.

THIS GUY'S FINE.

THIS GUY ISN'T A BANDIT...

I CAN TELL THAT JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM.

A LOVELY ONE LIKE HIM.

OH MY, HE REALLY IS QUITE BEAUTIFUL, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

Huge hit!

WE GOT IT, XIANGLIN.

OH MY.

Now, let's get going.

RIGHT, I'M XIANGLIN! EVEN THOUGH I LOOK LIKE I DO, I'M A GUY— BUT YOU CAN TELL THAT WITH A GLANCE, CAN'T YOU?

OF COURSE!

RIGHT, THAT'S WHY WE'RE WITH HIM.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ALONE!? NO WAY, IT'S DANGEROUS, YOU KNOW!? THERE ARE EVIL SPIRITS IN THIS FOREST!

Sigh

HE STOLE HIM AWAY.

HOOF

And left this guy

HULEI'S THERE, THEY'LL BE FINE.

PRIN-CESS !?

IS HER PARTY SAFE?

WE'LL ASK THE PRINCESS FOR SOME CLOTHES. YOU'RE WEARING SCRAPS.

Watch out for branches.

I SEE, SO YOU'RE DOUG.

Nice to meet you

How cute—

LET'S GO.

WOOF WOOF

ARE YOU ISHIKAWA'S FRIEND?

WHAT WAS THAT!?

He hasn't improved at all.

I BET HE RAN OFF CHASING BANDITS AGAIN.

—HM, WHERE IS HE?

AND YOU AS WELL.

YOU'RE ALL SAFE.

RUSSSH

EH?

What would he say is strange? has already decided this situation is impossible

STRANGE!? CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S A BEAUTY!?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT SOMEONE STRANGE ALONG.

I WAS CHECKING FROM ABOVE TO MAKE SURE THERE WEREN'T ANY OF THEM STILL LURKING AROUND.

...

THANK GOD. WITHOUT THAT, WE COULDN'T HAVE THE WEDDING.

Ah

HERE.

YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

YOU'LL BE FINE NOW THAT THEY'VE COME TO GET YOU.

THE MES-SENGER TOLD US THE SITUA-TION.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU.

YOUR HIGH-NESS!

OH! XIAN'S RETAINERS HAVE ARRIVED.

I DO HAVE ONE REQUEST.

THERE'S NO NEED FOR...

Prin-cess

OH!

LL... UM... IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...

THANK YOU.

STARE

THEIR PARTY WAS ATTACKED BY BANDITS ON THE ROAD, SO WE DECIDED TO HELP THEM AND ESCORT THEM ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN TO THE CITY.

THEY SAID IT'S NEARBY, BUT THEY HAD TO CROSS A PEAK TO GET TO THE SITE OF THE CEREMONY.

BUT IT CERTAINLY MOVES THE HEART, HMM?

Here

Tug

All done. ♡

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY CHOICE?

THE ROYAL FAMILY HAS SOME NICE THINGS.

I'd like to take him back to Jusenkai with us just like this!

HE LOOKS GOOD!

I knew you'd see it, LiFang! ♡

THIS GUY? LET ME GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIM.
YES, LOVELY.
LORD LONG.
When did you arrive?
Nice to meet you
AH!
!
HOW COLD! I CAME BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED WHEN YOU AND HULEI DIDN'T RETURN.
YOU'RE SUCH A PLAYER.
SHARE THE FUN, XIANGLIN.
Quarantine
You don't have to run so far off

OH NO, I ALSO WANTED TO COME AND SEE THEM.

You weren't actually worried were you?

He's fast!

SORRY.

IS THAT RIGHT? WE CAME HERE TO SEE LIFANG AND TUOREN.

Their boss?

More or less

Then you just got here?

I DOUBT I'LL UNDERSTAND IT NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK ABOUT IT, SO I'LL STOP THINKING ABOUT IT..TOO DEEPLY

JUST WHAT YEAR IT IS...

THE STRANGE PEOPLE THAT KEEP SHOWING UP..

BUT HOW I CAN UNDERSTAND THEIR LANGUAGE ...

CONSIDERING THEIR CLOTHES AND NAMES, MAYBE THIS IS SOMEWHERE AROUND CHINA..

Are you really OK? Let's investigate

No! I'm fine!

—SO, BACK IN ISHIKAWA'S WORLD, YOU SAW LU. THEN LU AND THIS IWASE GUY DISAPPEARED TOGETHER.

AND IWASE AND LU ARE STILL OVER THERE.

MAYBE DOUG AND I WERE THE ONES WHO DISAP-PEARED...

JUST WHAT IS THAT GUY TO YOU?

COULD BE.

THAT'S ENOUGH, WE GET IT.

...

WHAT IS HE...?

THEN CAN YOU SENSE ANYTHING?

WHETHER OR NOT HE'S IN THIS WORLD.

WHAT'RE YOU TWO WHISPERING ABOUT?

DON'T BE JEAL-OUS.

LORD LONG!

HE'S SOMEONE VERY DEAR TO YOU.

TUOREN, WELL, NO MATTER HOW FAR HE IS FROM LIFANG, HE ALWAYS KNOWS WHERE HE IS.

I DON'T KNOW.

HMM, YOU REALLY ARE A NORMAL GUY.

OR RATHER, TUOREN'S JUST SPECIAL.

THOSE TWO HAVE A STRONG BOND FORGED BY OVERCOMING A GREAT CONFLICT TOGETHER.

THEIR JOB RIGHT NOW IS TO CONTINUE TRAVELING TOGETHER, BUT LIFANG'S SUCH A NICE GUY THAT HE CAN'T IGNORE THE WEAK.

IWASE ALWAYS COMES FOR ME.

IT'S LIKE OUR RELATIONSHIP ...

ALWAYS WORRYING ...

HE OFTEN GETS DRAGGED INTO SERIOUS SITUATIONS WHEN HE HELPS OUT.

IT'S A CONSTANT WORRY FOR TUOREN.

EVEN WHEN HE LOST HIS MEMORIES

IWASE CAME FOR ME.

HE SHOWS UP WHEN I'M IN DANGER...

WHEN I WAS CAPTURED, HE CAME LOOKING FOR ME EVEN THOUGH HE WAS HURT.

IN THIS WORLD.

HE'S HERE!

I CAN TELL HE'S CLOSE.

LU'S HERE.

LIFANG ...?

LET'S GO, ISHIKAWA.

IS IWASE ALSO HERE?

Ah, don't run!

Meep

toddle toddle

?

LU!

AH!

STOP HIM, LIFANG!

ROLL

ROLL

ROLL

THUMP

WHAM

I TOLD YOU NOT TO RUN ON HILLS...

SINCE YOUR BODY'S SMALL RIGHT NOW.

THANKS, TUOREN.

A BOWLING BALL!?

THAT WAS CLOSE.

...RIGHT NOW ...?

REALLY WAS A PANDA

SO WHAT WE SAW BACK THEN...

RIGHT. LU, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GUY WHO CAUGHT YOU?

NO.. DON'T THINK ABOUT IT.

THEN IWASE IS ALSO NEARBY ?

HE'S ACTUALLY FULL-GROWN, BUT IT SEEMS HE ATE SOMETHING WEIRD.

Became small

He can understand panda talk...

REALLY!?

Yup.

Watching from a distance...

THAT'S RIGHT, HOW DID THEY KNOW DOUG'S NAME?

WHAT'D HE SAY, LIFANG?

HE SAID THE BANDITS TOOK IWASE AWAY.

HE WOULDN'T BE TAKEN DOWN SO EASILY, NOT EVEN BY A CYBORG OR MULTIPLE FOES.

THERE'S NO WAY...

WHAT'S WRONG?

BUT HOW WOULD HE DO AGAINST BLACK MAGIC?

CYBO...?

WHAT'S THAT?

SO IWASE IS STRONG?

YES.

IF A NORMAL HUMAN WERE UP AGAINST SOMEONE WHO USED SPELLS, HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PUT UP A FIGHT.

I HEARD THAT THERE ARE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ABSORBING THE POWER OF SPIRITS AND ABUSING IT.

HOOF HOOF

DOUG?

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S IWASE'S ARM-BAND.

IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS CUT WITH A BLADE.

HE MIGHT BE HURT...

SO IT WAS BANDITS?

THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.

I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

I SWEAR I'LL GET IWASE BACK!

Right!

IT'S LIKE I SAID, THOREN. HE'S A GOOD GUY.

YEAH.

NO MATTER WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE, THIS GUY'S ACTUALLY A GOOD FRIEND.

BUT...

WE CAN'T DESERT THE MAN WHO HELPED LU.

LET'S GET HIM BACK TOGETHER!

SURE, SURE.

I'll come along.

I'M SURE LORD LONG WILL BACK US UP.

AND I LIKE HOW BRAVE YOU ARE, ISHIKAWA. I'LL HELP.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

WE ONLY JUST MET, AND YET...

With this team we've got nothing to fear

Don't slack off

What did you just say?

IS HE REALLY SMART?

sniff sniff

Hm?

Shh

DON'T WORRY.

petk

YOU'RE SMART, I'M SURE YOU CAN FIND HIM.

DOUG WILL FOLLOW IWASE'S SCENT.

DOUG'S A MEMBER OF OUR GARRISON.

I'VE ABOUT HAD ENOUGH OF THIS MOUNTAIN.

LET'S GO!

BUT I CAN'T USE THIS POWER IN THE CITY.

NO, YOU ACTUALLY ARE MUCH YOUNGER...

IS IT BECAUSE OF THE SPIRIT'S POWER? I FEEL LIKE I'M YOUNG AGAIN.

OH, IS THAT SO? I DON'T MIND IT.

...MORE THAN THAT, THE NIGHTS ARE REALLY COLD.

LADY XI.

UH...

chuk

WHERE. AM I?

WHAT HAPPENED?

I LOST THE JEWEL, BUT I GOT SOMETHING NICE INSTEAD.

YOU REALLY ARE A HANDSOME ONE.

YOU'RE AWAKE.

HMM... YOU'RE EVEN LOVELY WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY. ♡

UNTIE THESE CHAINS.

I WAS CARELESS BECAUSE SHE'S A WOMAN.

THAT'S RIGHT... SHE USED SOME KIND OF STRANGE WEAPON...

YOU CERTAINLY ARE A WELL-TRAINED MAN.

YOU KNOW ENOUGH MARTIAL ARTS TO MOW THROUGH MY MEN.

IF YOU WANT TO BE FREED, JOIN ME...

NO WAY.

I DOUBT THAT.

HOW BLUNT. I LIKE YOU EVEN MORE.

I WILL HAVE YOU.

Ha ha ha ha

I'LL GIVE YOU THE SAME POWER THAT I HAVE TO MAKE YOU LIKE ME.

THEN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE WITHOUT ME.

〈副隊長のナゾ・1〉

←ホントに弟。では「Sの英雄」のつづきをどうぞ

篠井 澪副隊長には
以前 近くに住んでいた年下の
双子に異常になつかれている
という裏設定があります。
ずっと私一人の密かな楽しみ
だったのですが「光の標」が
終って もう篠井 キャラの
楽しさをばらしてもいいかと
いうことで…マイナーすぎて
本編では描けないので
ちょっとだけ描かせて下さい。

↑来日した2人のガイド役をしてるところ